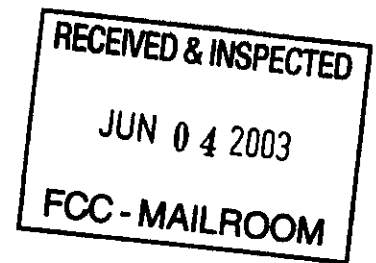




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Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary
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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45

Annual Certification for Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support

This is to certify that **Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (FTC)** will use its *Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support - ICLS* only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of FTC. This certification is provided for the study area **240520**, under the common control of FTC and residing totally within the state of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

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